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Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
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RE: Bull Mountain Request in Musselshell County

Dear Public Service Commission:

McGree Trucking has provided solid waste removal services in Butte Silver Bow for many years. In addition to Butte Silver Bow, PSC permits are also held and/or leased to allow us to haul in Powell County and parts of Whitehall/Jefferson County. For over 50 years McGree Trucking has provided reliable, safe and quality service to all residents and businesses in these areas. This service is provided to all customers regardless of the customer's location in the permitted area.

McGree Trucking employs 16 people to provide the above mentioned service. Each of these employees are provided with a good wage and benefits in exchange for the work they perform. Good people provide excellent, reliable service.

On behalf of McGree Trucking, I am asking the Public Service Commission to reject Bull Mountain's request to let Bull Mountain haul garbage in all the rural areas of Musselshell County without a Class D Permit from the PSC. The small city, town and village exemption that Bull Mountain is using should be limited to just what it says – municipal areas of under 500 people. This exemption has never included all rural areas, and the exemption does not mean that the PSC can only regulate solid waste hauling in cities and towns over 500 people.

I am sure Bull Mountain is a fine company, however, allowing them to haul garbage unregulated in rural areas may open the door to more unregulated companies hauling garbage in other rural areas. It would not be difficult for other companies to find rural areas around Montana with less than 500 people. As a matter of fact, many areas around Silver Bow, Jefferson and Powell Counties could be defined as rural under 500 people. At that point the unregulated companies could cherry pick the profitable customers and leave the difficult customers to the regulated trash hauler. As you know, the regulated trash haulers employ people, pay for high quality insurance coverage, and



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answer to the PSC for services provided. Unregulated companies have no such constraints, can deny services and ignore those they don't wish to serve. Customers in Montana should not have these potential problems. Under the current system, they don't.

For this reason, I respectfully request the PSC deny Bull Mountain's petition and find that the small city, town and village exemption only allows unregulated garbage hauling for actual cities and towns with less than 500 people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim McGree  
Vice President, McGree Trucking